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## **BOARD APPROVES REGULATIONS, SUPPORTS KEAT**

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – At its study session and meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, the Kentucky Board of Education took action and heard presentations on several items.

The board heard and adopted Statements of Consideration for three state regulations. (Statements of Consideration collect all comments related to regulations and make recommendations based on those.)

- 703 KAR 5:222, Categories for Recognition, Support and Consequences: changes to this regulation include removal of a requirement for accreditation in order to obtain School or District of Distinction status.
- 703 KAR 5:240, Accountability Definitions and Procedures: there were no changes to this regulation.
- 703 KAR 5:070, Inclusion of Special Populations in the State-Required Assessment and Accountability Programs: the Statement of Consideration for this regulation was adopted, with an amendment to remove language delaying the implementation of regulatory changes until the fall of 2012.

The board voted to issue a resolution supporting the Kentucky Education Action Team (KEAT), a coalition made up of representatives of education-related groups in the state. See the full text of the resolution at the end of this news release.

During the study session, the board heard updates on its strategic plan and the Teacher and Principal Effectiveness System.

The board took the following actions:

- appointed Mark E. Thomas, executive director of instruction for the Nelson County school district, to the State Textbook Commission

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- approved state regulation 702 KAR 1:160, School Health Services (formerly 704 KAR 4:020; received new number) to align the regulation and the forms it references with other state and federal regulations
- approved new district facility plans for the Clark and Hancock County school districts
- approved 2011-12 Local District Working Budgets
- approved 702 KAR 7:065, Designation of Agent to Manage High School Interscholastic Athletics and Revisions in KHSAA Bylaws

The board also agreed to pursue a paperless board system maintained by the Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) and heard a presentation on establishing a Kentucky foundation for education innovation.

The Kentucky Board of Education's next regular meeting is scheduled for April 4 in Frankfort. More information about the board is available at <http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Administrative+Resources/Kentucky+Board+of+Education/>.

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**RESOLUTION BY THE  
KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**

**SUPPORTING THE POSITION OF THE  
KENTUCKY EDUCATION ACTION TEAM (KEAT) REGARDING  
PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING**

- Whereas,** The vision of the Kentucky Board of Education is every child proficient and prepared for success; and
- Whereas,** The Kentucky Board of Education is dedicated to engaging all Kentucky students in next-generation learning so that all students emerge from Kentucky's educational system college- and career-ready; and
- Whereas,** Kentucky has made significant strides in educational improvement, which is a result of the Kentucky Education Reform Act (1990) and continues through Senate Bill 1 (2009); and
- Whereas,** Adequate, sufficient and sustained resources for education are critical to the maintenance of our past successes and are required for any additional improvement; and
- Whereas,** Kentucky's funding for education over the past 20 years has not always been faithful to the commitments made in the Kentucky Education Reform Act and the expectations set in Senate Bill 1; and
- Whereas,** The Kentucky Education Action Team (KEAT) is an historic culmination and coordination of groups representing all aspects of education, including community, parent, teacher and P-12 public school leadership organizations; and
- Whereas,** KEAT is an action advocacy group whose mission is to develop united messages that will persuade the Kentucky General Assembly, parents and the public to provide and sustain sufficient resources that will advance and support learning for all P-12 public school students to reach their potential for career and college readiness; and
- Whereas,** KEAT has called upon the elected leaders of the Commonwealth to find and commit additional revenues for our students.

***NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Kentucky Board of Education commends the Kentucky Education Action Team for its unified focus on the acquisition of sufficient resources necessary for the advancement of learning for all P-12 public school students and lends its support to ensure that all students are prepared for college and career.***

**Done in the city of Frankfort, this 1st day of  
February, in the year Two Thousand and Twelve.**

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**David K. Karem, Chair**

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**Roger L. Marcum, Vice-Chair**

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**Dorothy Z. Combs, Member**

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**Billy Harper, Member**

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